

# Serious Adverse Event Reporting

Study AC-060A202: CONTROL

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## **Global Drug Safety Goals**

- To ensure the safety of the patients
- To detect trends and signals concerning the safety of Actelion drugs
- To comply with safety reporting requirements worldwide



### What is an Adverse Event (AE)?

 Any adverse change from the patient's baseline condition, regardless of the relation to the study drug.

#### An AE includes

- Disease or condition detected after baseline
- Exacerbation of pre-existing disease
- Increase in frequency or intensity of pre-existing disease or condition
- Clinically significant abnormal test (ECG, lab test...) that was not abnormal at baseline or worsened
- Events that occur as a result of protocol-mandated procedures











#### **Serious Adverse Event**

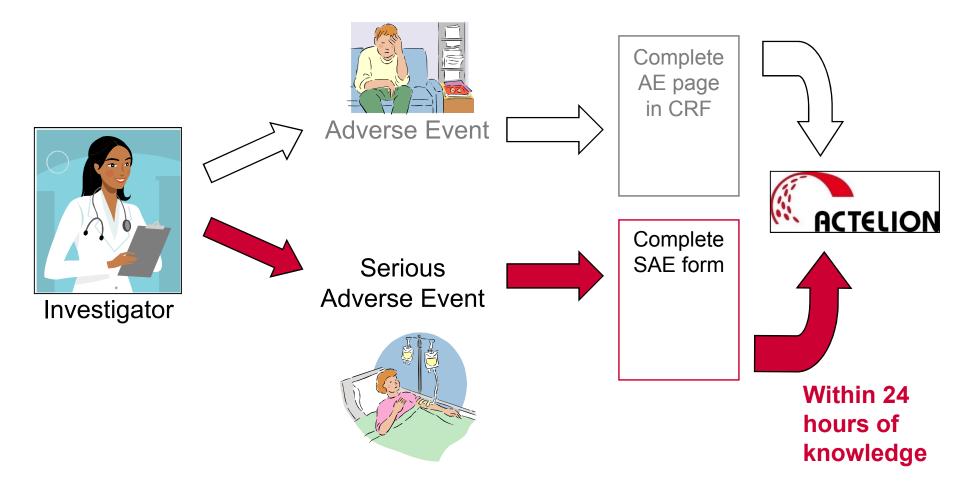
#### An SAE is defined as any AE fulfilling at least one of the following criteria:

- Fatal
- Life-threatening
  - Event in which the patient was at risk of death at the time of the event; it does not refer to an event that hypothetically might have caused death if it had occurred in a more severe form
- Hospitalization: admission of hospital or prolongation of existing hospitalization as a result of an AE
- Resulting in persistent or significant disability or incapacity
- Congenital anomaly / Birth defect
- Medically significant or requiring intervention to prevent one of the other outcomes listed above

Important medical events may be considered as SAEs if, based upon appropriate medical judgment, they may jeopardize the patient and/or require medical intervention to prevent one of the outcomes listed above.



## Reporting AEs/SAEs from Clinical Trials

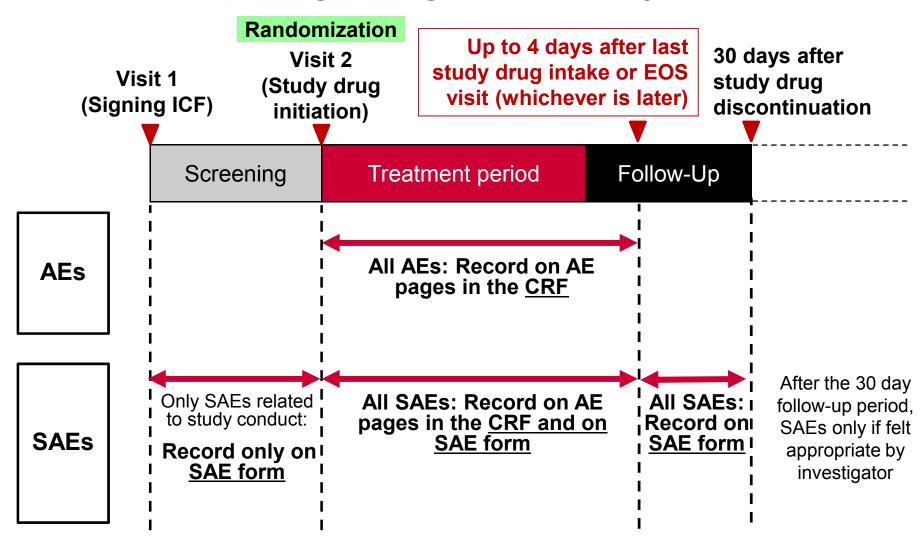


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## **AE/SAE** Reporting throughout the study



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#### **AE/SAE Follow-up**

- AEs still ongoing 4 days after treatment must be followed up until:
  - Thirty days after stopping study drug
  - Resolution
  - Stabilization

OR

- The event is otherwise explained
- SAEs still ongoing at the EOS visit must be followed up until:
  - Resolution
  - Stabilization

OR

The event is otherwise explained



### Seriousness vs. severity

#### Seriousness

Non-serious or Serious



#### **Severity**

Mild, moderate or severe in intensity

- A mild, moderate or severe AE may or may not be serious.
  - A severe event is not necessarily serious,
     and a serious event may not be severe; e.g.,
    - Nausea lasting several hours may be rated as severe, but may not be clinically serious
    - Fever of 39°C that is not considered severe may become serious if it prolongs hospital discharge by a day
- Seriousness (rather than severity) serves as a guide for defining regulatory reporting obligations



### Causality/relationship assessment

- A relationship to the study drug has to be assessed in each AE by the investigator, based on the investigator's judgment and knowledge of the AE:
  - Related (= "Yes"): Reasonably related to the use of the study drug
  - Not related (= "No"): Not reasonably related to the use of the study drug

#### Relationship matters for reporting purposes!

The causality assessment is important for subject to reporting to Health Authorities, EC/IRBs and Investigators worldwide



## Would you report?

- A road traffic accident?
- A fall?
- A surgery?







#### Is this a Serious Adverse Event?

# REMEMBER

When in doubt ...

**SEND IT OUT !!!** 



#### What is a SUSAR?

- Suspected Unexpected Serious Adverse Reaction
  - <u>Suspected</u>: reasonably related to study drug
  - <u>Unexpected</u>: not documented in the current Investigator's Brochure
  - Serious: ICH definition (Protocol §4.3)



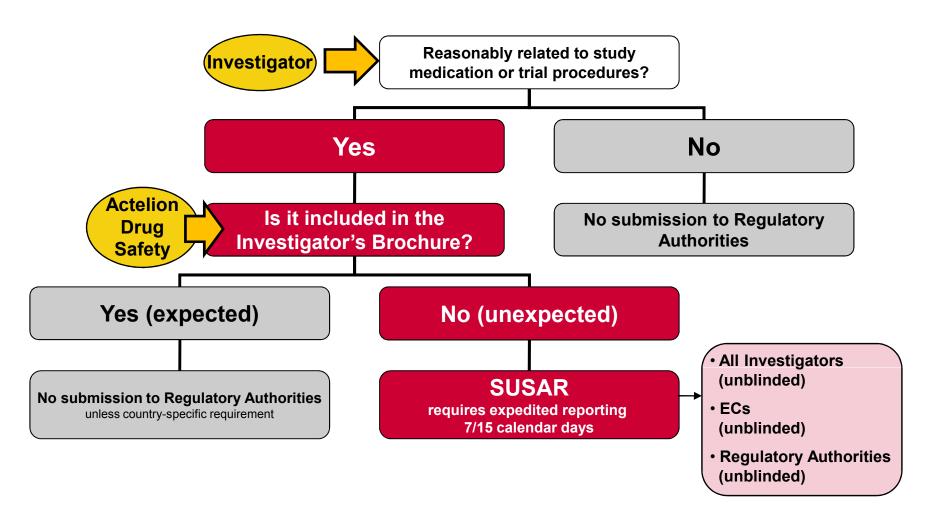
#### **Definitions of Unexpected adverse events**

- Any adverse drug experience, the specificity or severity of which is not consistent with the current Investigator Brochure (IB) (more specific, more severe or an increase in the rate of occurrence)
- "Unexpected" refers to an adverse drug experience that has <u>not been</u> <u>previously observed</u> (e.g., in the IB) rather than from the anticipation based on the pharmacological properties of a medicinal product.

FDA 21 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations Title 21) 312.32(a)
ICH E2A (Clinical Safety Data Management: Definitions and Standards for Expedited Reporting)



### Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) in Clinical Trials



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## **SUSAR** notification responsibilities

| SUSAR submission to:                            | By:  |
|---|--|
| Regulatory Authorities                          | Actelion   |
| Investigators                                   | Actelion   |
| Data Monitoring<br>Committee                    | Actelion   |
| Ethics Committees / Institutional Review Boards | Investigator e.g. Hungary, Israel, Serbia, Ukraine, USA  In this situation it is the responsibility of the investigator to inform the EC/IRB and to ensure that submissions are done within the required timelines as per national regulations |





#### **Unblinding**

#### **Investigator**

"The emergency unblinding of single cases by **investigators** in the course of a clinical trial should only be performed if **relevant for the safety** of the trial subject"

→ before unblinding, every attempt should be made by the investigator to discuss the intended code break with Actelion

#### **Actelion**

SUSARs will be unblinded in Actelion Global Drug Safety (GDS) prior to submission to Health Authorities, ECs/IRBs and Investigators



# Serious Adverse Event Form (1)

Drug Safety will send acknowledgment within 2 working days with unique MCN

| AFRM-067-SAF-GL_V10-28061  | 0: Amended for AC-060A202 (20/ | Aug10)                           | 1 / 4  |  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|
| ACTELION   |                                | ERSE EVENT (\$<br>\202 (CONTROL) | SAE) FORM  |  |  |
| Forward within 24 he   | ours of learning of SAE.       |                                  | For Sponsor Use Only IND #: 105089 EudraCT#:2009-011975- 60 A Protocol: AC-060A202 |  |  |
| To: Global Drug Safety Drug SafetyCH@actelion.com  Fax: Appropriate Toll-Free number (Toll Free Country) +41 61 565 64 90 (if Toll Free does not work) (please contact Drug Safety if you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt within 48 h)  Phone: +41 61 565 6695 or +41 61 565 6287 |                                |                                  |  |  |  |
| Investigator: Name  Report Type? Initial   | Site #:                        | (including additional            | Toll free number should be tested at the Site Initiation Visit to ensure           |  |  |
| Main Adverse Event (AE) (Diagnosis): If no diagnosis, provide most rel   | evant or main sign/symptom     |                                  | that it works from your site   |  |  |
| I. SUBJECT INFORMATION Subject No.:  | Randomization No.:             | Year of Birth                    | Gender: Male Female Weight: kg lbs   |  |  |

Note: MCN: Manufacturer Control Number

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Dear Dr. Investigator,

This is to acknowledge that we have received initial information regarding:

Patient No.: 0011-00011

**Study No.:** 

**Event:** 

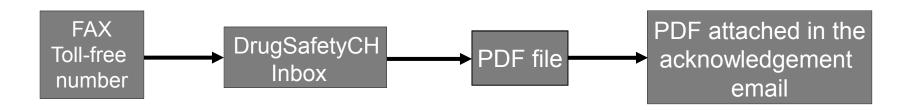
Onset Date: DD-MMM-YY

MCN Number: A-CH2009-12345 — Manufacturer Control Number

Please do not hesitate to call us should you have any queries regarding the above. Thank you for sending us this information.

Kind regards

**Drug Safety Administrative Assistant** 



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## **Serious Adverse Event Form (2)**

| IV. ADVERSE EVENT INFORMATION  |   |  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Record Adverse Event (diagnosis/syndrome) as on Page 1, and complete this entire Section IV.  If more than one SAE has occurred, fill out an additional Section IV per SAE and attach to this report **. |   |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | i additional Section IV p                            | oer sae and attach to tr   | nis report ***.  |  |
| Adverse Event  |   |  |  |  |  |
| If no diagnosis, pr<br>main sign/sympto  | ovide most relevant or _  |  |  |  |  |
| AE Onset Date (dd-MMM-yy)  AE Onset Time Onset of first  | RELATIONSHIP Is there a reasonable possibility that the event was related to the use of the study drug? | MAXIMUM INTENSITY See protocol for definitions  Mild | ACTION TAKEN WITH STUDY DRUG As a result of the event  | OUTCOME Tick only one  Resolved without sequelae                       | SERIOUSNESS Please tick all that apply:  |
| symptoms, not when event became serious Date (or death date if outcome is death)   | If no, do you consider the event to be related to protocol-mandated procedures, tick if yes             | ☐ Moderate ☐ Severe ☐ Not Applicable                 | □ None     □ Dose reduced     □ Dose increased     □ Temporarily interrupted     □ Permanently discontinued     □ Not applicable | Resolved with sequelae  Not resolved Death Unknown / Lost to follow-up | ☐ Life-Threatening ☐ Disability ☐ Congenital Anomaly ☐ New Hospitalization ☐ Prolongation of ☐ Hospitalization ☐ Medically significant ☐ Intervention ☐ Required to prevent ☐ one of the above |
| Did the Adverse Evert abate after stopping, interrupting, or reducing the dose of the study drug?  Yes No Not applicable Abate = improve or resolve  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Did the Adverse Event reoccur after reintroducing the study drug?  |   |  |  |  |  |

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## **Serious Adverse Event Form (3)**

| Hospitalization Details (Complete if Hospitalization is ticked above)                        | Death Details (Complete if Death is ticked about                         | re)        |              |
|--|--|------------|--------------|
| Admission Date (dd-MMM-yy)*  Discharge Date (dd-MMM-yy)  * i.e. first day of hospitalization | Date of Death (dd-MMM-yy)  Autopsy performed?  Autopsy results attached? | Yes        | □ No<br>□ No |
|  | Primary Cause of Death:  |            |              |
|  |  | Provide au |              |

Do not forget to mask patient name on all documents



# **Serious Adverse Event Form (4)**

| VIII. REPORTER INFORMATION Investigator Name:               | Institutio | on:  |       |             |  |
|---|------------|------|-------|-------------|--|
| Address:  | Country    | :    |       |             |  |
| Email address:  |            |      |       |             |  |
| Name and Position of person completing this form:           | Phone #    |      |       |             |  |
|   |            |      |       |             |  |
| Email address:  |            |      |       |             |  |
| Did you also send a form to country's regulatory authority? | Yes Yes    | ☐ No |       |             |  |
| Date you became aware of this SAE (initial report only):    |            |      |       |             |  |
| Investigator or Study Physician Signature:                  |            |      | Date: | (dd-MMM-yy) |  |





#### **Medical Terminology**

- When completing the AE page or SAE form, medical terminology should be used for the diagnosis, or to describe the signs/symptoms.
- Abbreviations should be avoided as they can mean different things:





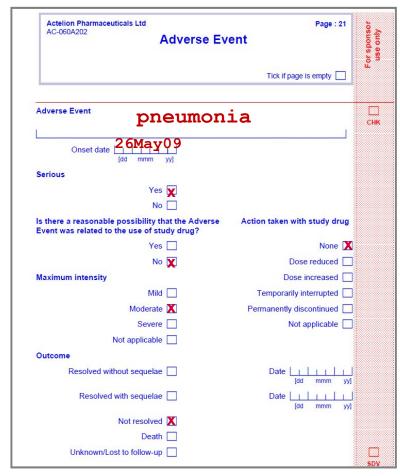


#### **Source documents**

- Source documents: e.g., hospital notes and discharge summaries.
- Please do not send detailed supplementary source documents on a routine basis unless specifically requested by Actelion or considered relevant to the reported SAE
  - An example of relevant case: if an autopsy report is available, this should be sent to Actelion with the SAE form
- Information from supplementary source documents relevant to the reported SAE should be <u>summarized</u> and <u>entered on the SAE form</u>.



## AE CRF Page vs. SAE form



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|---|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| (dd-MMM-yy) 26May 0 9 AE Onset Time hr:min (if applicable)  Resolution Date (or death date if outcome is death)   | Is there a reasonable possibility that the event was related to the use of the study drug?  Yes  If no, do you consider the event to be related to protocol-mandated procedures, tick if yes | INTENSITY See instructions for definitions  Mild Moderate Severe Not Applicable | WITH STUDY DRUG As a result of AE or SAE  None Temporarily interrupted Permanently discontinued Not applicable | Tick only one  Resolved without sequelae Resolved with sequelae Not resolved Death Unknown / Lost to follow-up | Please tick all that apply:  Death Life-Threatening Disability Congenital Anomaly New Hospitalization Prolongation of Hospitalization Medically significant Intervention Required to prevent one of the above |  |  |
| Did the Adverse Event abate after stopping or interrupting the dose of the study drug?  Yes No Not applicable   |  |   |  |  |   |  |  |
| Did the Adverse Event reoccur after reintroducing the study drug?   |  |   |  |  |   |  |  |

Information on AE page = SAE form

→less queries sent to site when we perform reconciliation between the clinical database and the safety database



## **Data Clarification Form (DCF)**

- Your opinion of relationship (causality) of each event to study drug or to study conduct
- Site number, Patient (number, gender, age at the time of event)
- Start and stop date and time for suspect medication
- Onset date of event
- Action taken with study drug
- Outcome of the event
- Contact phone or fax number



If answers to the DCF are not received by Drug Safety you will be sent an automatic reminder





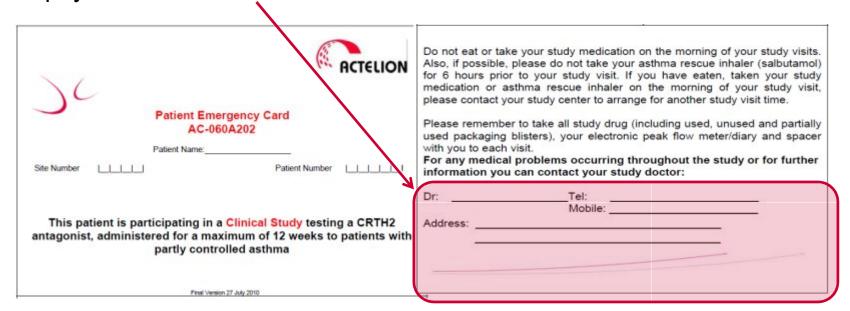


- Any pregnancy occurring during the trial and up to 1 month after study drug discontinuation must be reported to Actelion on a pregnancy form within 24 hours of your knowledge
- Any event during pregnancy that meets the definition of serious must also be reported on a SAE form
- Actelion follows all pregnancies prospectively therefore <u>all outcomes</u> (including normal) must be reported to Actelion. Actelion considers all abortions as medically significant and therefore serious.
- Furthermore, please report to Actelion any medically relevant information regarding the mother, embryo/fetus or newborn as followup



#### Patient's contact for medical issues

 Each Patient will receive a patient card containing the contact details for their treating physician, providing them with 24 hour access to a physician if needed.





## Investigator's contact for medical safety questions

#### Medical issues relating to an **SAE**:

Jan Vaclavek, Drug Safety Physician

Tel: +41 61 565 6261 or +41 79 602 7880

Fax: +41 61 565 6490

Cecile Valette, Head of Medical Safety Surveillance

Tel: +41 61 565 6535 or +41 79 784 73 83



Administrative Assistant, Tel: +41 61 565 66 95

For safety reporting, use the fax number pre-printed on the safety forms



# **Any questions**

